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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 11 July 1985

1. (Schreiner) Along with ED representative [redacted], I met today with [redacted] C/RE&CD, to discuss his June visit to Okinawa to review the bureau's recapitalization program. While there, [redacted] attended a review meeting between bureau personnel and Corps of Engineer officers. Dave started by saying that in justifying the recap program, FBIS should play down the "lack of maintainability" aspect, because any truthful structural engineer would claim the houses are repairable and maintainable. (This conflicts of course with an earlier OL "bulldozer renovation" recommendation.) Having said that, Dave still feels that some of the houses indeed need be replaced and is "very comfortable" with the entire project. The main purpose of Dave's visit to Okinawa was to meet the project manager for the Corps, to see what interface procedures were being worked out by the bureau, and to get a handle on how cooperative the Corps was going to be. He saw no immediate or developing problems. He is looking forward to receiving the results of a study--understood by him to be done by the Corps--on the feasibility of installing a centralized energy reclamation system in the housing complex. Dave said this would be a very important requirement for the A&E study. I asked Dave about the proposed "12-month A&E study." Dave said that the bureau should try immediately in its negotiations with the Corps to get that timetable compressed in half, but noted that the timetable included everything from A&E itself to contract award to the successful bidder. Dave was very impressed with bureau logistics officer [redacted] and recommends she be identified as the project officer by the bureau chief and be given certain delegated authorities. Dave will be sending us a copy of the 12-month schedule and of the scope of work; meanwhile he will be doing the necessary groundwork back here with his liaison contacts on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. No official RE&CD action will be needed until we request delegation of authority to begin construction. He said he recommended to [redacted] that RE&CD engineers stop by Okinawa for review and/or consultation whenever they are in the area on TDY. His office is prepared to advise FBIS architecturally throughout the project. I asked about cost estimates. Dave said that if the bureau and Corps come up with an A&E firm that could devote immediate attention to our project, initial cost estimates should be available about one-third into the design review phase. In an aside before departing, Dave mentioned that RE&CD "soon" would be establishing its first area engineering office [redacted]. Plans are to have similar area capabilities established in Africa and Asia. Such offices would

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be responsible for providing across-the-board engineering and contract support to all Agency field installations, including FBIS bureaus.

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